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FEDERAL-STATE JOINT CONFERENCE ON ADVANCED SERVICES FIELD HEARING IN SOUTH SIOUX CITY, NEBRASKA

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The Federal-State Joint Conference on Advanced Telecommunications Services (Joint Conference) will hold a field hearing on April 19, 2000, from 1:00 pm to 5:00 pm at the Marina Inn, 4th and B Streets, South Sioux City, Nebraska. FCC Chairman William Kennard and the North Carolina Utilities Commission Chair Jo Anne Sanford will preside at the field hearing.

This hearing is one in a series of hearings being hosted by the Joint Conference to gather information on the deployment of advanced telecommunications services. At this field hearing and related site visits, the Joint Conference will focus on broadband deployment in rural areas, and the deployment of broadband by cable and fixed wireless technologies.

The agenda for this hearing:

1:00 pm Welcome and Introductions

Sioux City Mayor, Martin Dougherty

South Sioux City, City Council President, Al Bengtson

Nebraska Senator Bob Kerrey

William Kennard, FCC Chairman / Jo Anne Sanford, North Carolina Utilities Commission, Chair

1:15 Broadband Panel Discussion

Moderator: Lowell Johnson, Nebraska Public Service Commissioner Panel Participants: -Dave Maurstad - Lt. Governor of Nebraska

-Betsy Roe - Iowa Governor's Strategic Planning Council

-Frank Hilsabeck - Nebraska Information Network

-Patty Anderson - City of Hawarden

2:00 Wireless Panel Discussion

Moderator: Allan Thoms, Iowa Utilities Board Chairman

Panel Participants: -Michael Tracy - Telemetrix, Inc.

-Lyle Korver - Orange City Communications-Eric Sonestrom - President/CEO Airspan

-Gene DeJordy - Western Wireless -John Stupka - MCI WORLDCOM 3:00 Break

3:15 Tele-Medicine Panel Discussion
Moderator: Anne Boyle, Nebraska Public Service Commission
Panel Participants: -Dr. Michael Kienzle - University of Iowa
-Donna Hammack - Good Samaritan Hospital
-Dr. Reba Benschoter - University of Nebraska Medical Center

4:00 Public Input

5:00 Adjourn

Transcripts of this meeting, as well as updates on future field hearings, will be posted on the Joint Conference's web site: www.fcc.gov/jointconference.

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